

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS

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THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS CONFERENCE,
BOLOGNA, ITALY, 28 AUGUST–3 SEPTEMBER 1997

The second circular for this conference is currently available along with registration forms. If it has not reached you, please write to IV International Conference on Geomorphology, Planning Congressi s.r.l., Via Crociali 2, I-40138 Bologna, Italy. Phone: 39-51-302980. Fax: 39-51-309477. E-mail: michele.galantino@planning.inet.it.

Registration with advance registration fees and abstracts of papers/posters is now open. After 31 October 1996, an enhanced registration fee will be charged. As the conference is in the peak tourist season, advanced reservation for accommodation is highly recommended. The conference includes five plenary lectures, 12 sessions, and eight symposia. The sessions will be on fluvial geomorphology, littoral and submarine geomorphology, glacial geomorphology, periglacial geomorphology, arid and subarid geomorphology, tropical geomorphology, tectonic geomorphology, volcanic geomorphology, applied geomorphology, weathering and soils, karst, and theoretical geomorphology. The symposia topics include geomorphology and global change, landslide management, Antarctic geomorphology, geomorphology and environmental impact assessment, magnitude and frequency in geomorphology, methods and tools in geomorphology, geomorphology and global tectonics, and the 28th Binghamton Symposium (Changing the Face of the Earth: Engineering Geomorphology). A workshop for young geomorphologists and an educational and commercial display have been planned.

Three pre-conference and 13 post-conference excursions are on offer. Five one-day excursions have been planned during the conference. Besides these, five meetings with field trips will take place before the conference.

The organizing committee is trying to subsidize partially the expenses of deserving delegates. The deadline for applying for these grants is also 31 October 1996.

REPORT OF THE IAG WORKING GROUP ON GEOARCHAEOLOGY

A working group on geoarchaeology was formed at the April 1995 IAG Regional Conference in Hungary. It is being chaired by Morgan De Dapper (Gent) with José-Luis Peña-Monne (Zaragoza) and John Boardman (Oxford) as the two Vice-Chairs. A network of correspondents from different countries, followed by a newsletter, are being organized. If interested, please write to Professor Dr Morgan De Dapper, Universiteit Gent – Vakgroep Geografie, Krijgslaan, 281 (S8), B-9000 Gent, Belgium. Phone: 32-9-264-46-90; Fax: 32-9- or 64-49-97/264-49-91; e-mail: Morgan.DeDapper@rug.ac.be

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IAG Symposium at the Hague

IAG organized a symposium on Land–Sea Interactions and Geomorphic Hazards on 5 August 1996 at the 28th International Geographical Congress at The Hague. The local organizer was Eduard Koster (State University of Utrecht). The programme was

Introduction: Jess Walker (Louisiana State)

Plenary lecture – Land–Sea Interactions: Helmut Brückner (Marburg)

Plenary lecture – Geomorphic Hazards: Tom Spencer (Cambridge)

Plenary lecture – Unstable Coasts: Denys Brunsden (King's College, London)

Panel statements and open discussions on:

Sea level changes: Norbert Psuty (Rutgers)

Coastal sediment budgets: Olav Slaymaker (British Columbia)

Storm flood frequencies: Joost Terwindt (State University of Utrecht)

Geomorphic management of coasts: Robert Allison (Durham)

Next meeting of the Council

The next formal meeting of the IAG Council will take place at the 4th International Geomorphology Conference, Bologna, Italy, on Saturday, 30 August 1997, at 4pm. National adhering bodies wishing to have items placed on the agenda of the council meeting should submit details to Robert J. Allison, Secretary, IAG (Department of Geography, University of Durham, Durham DH1 3LE, UK) no later than Friday, 28 February 1997. An agenda will be sent to each national adhering body three months before the International Geomorphology Conference.

A national adhering body is the organization determined by each nation as its official representative, and who, at the time of the council meeting, is confirmed by the Treasurer, IAG, as being a subscribing member of the association. The Council shall consist of a voting representative from each national adhering body. It is the responsibility of each national adhering body to inform the IAG Secretary of its national representative. In countries where no IAG national adhering body exists, an individual may join the meeting but will not have voting rights. In accordance with the rules of the International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU), to which IAG is affiliated, a national adhering body which has not fulfilled its financial obligations may attend the Council meeting as an observer.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

At the next formal meeting of the IAG, to be convened at the 4th International Geomorphology Conference, Bologna, Italy, on Saturday, 30 August 1997 at 4pm, there will be elections to the following posts:

President. To confirm, as noted in the IAG constitution, that Olav Slaymaker, Vice-President (1993–97), become President for the period 1997–2001.

Vice-President. To serve for the period 1997–2001, and then to succeed to the Presidency for the period 2001–2005.

Secretary. To serve for the period 1997–2001.

Treasurer. To serve for the period 1997–2001.

Publication Officer. To serve for the period 1997–2001.

Two Committee Members. To serve for the period 1997–2001.

In accordance with the IAG Constitution Bylaw No. 2, national adhering bodies are invited to submit nominations for the above posts to Robert J. Allison, Secretary, IAG. Nominations should be accompanied by a short (limited to one side of A4 paper) curriculum vitae, which will provide voting members with information about each candidate. Evidence must be provided to show that a nominee is willing to serve if elected. In accordance with the rules governing organizations affiliated to the International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU), each elected committee member must be from a different country.

Hosting future IAG conferences

National adhering bodies are invited to host IAG conferences during the period 1997–2001. The next International Conference will convene in 2001, four years after the 4th International Geomorphology Conference in Bologna, Italy, 28 August–3 September 1997.

National adhering bodies are also invited to host the next IAG Regional Conference, which usually takes place at the same interval. The next IAG Regional Conference will convene in 1999, four years after the 1995 meeting at Singapore.

In each case, the inviting country must provide assurance that no individual will be denied attendance on the grounds of nationality, race, creed or political views. Arrangements for both the International and Regional

Conferences shall be the responsibility of the organizing committee of the host country, in consultation with the IAG President and the Secretary.

Offers of conference venues could be submitted to Robert J. Allison, Secretary, IAG. Offers will be presented to the next formal meeting of the Council at the 4th International Geomorphology Conference at Bologna. If more than one invitation is received, the final selection of the venue will be made by secret ballot of voting council members.

SYMPOSIUM ON EROSION AND SEDIMENT YIELD: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES, EXETER, 15–19 JULY 1996

This international symposium was jointly organized by the Department of Geography, University of Exeter, and the International Commission on Continental Erosion (ICCE) of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS). It was co-sponsored by UNESCO and the UK Overseas Development Administration.

Over 60 papers and nearly 40 posters were presented at the conference and simultaneously published. The papers covered six themes on erosion and sediment yield: global patterns; regional and national patterns; soil erosion perspectives; sediment dynamics in contrasting environments; trends in sediment yield; and sedimentation problems and sediment management. Apart from providing valuable insights, the papers and posters provided a host of erosion and sediment measurement data from the field. The final publication is available from the IAHS Press as IAHS Publication No. 236.

The symposium was admirably organized by Des Walling and Bruce Webb, and the presence of F. Fournier was much appreciated.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Nouakchott, Mauritania, 3–7 January 1997, joint IGCP-349 and IGCP-404 and INQUA conference: Desert Margin Changes in Africa since 135ka: implications for water, carbon and mankind

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The preliminary structure of the conference includes the following: climate change over the past 135 000 years, including proxy data, models and case studies; landform evolution, sedimentation and diagenesis; ancient systems and modern analogues; hydrology and palaeohydrology of drylands; the terrestrial carbon cycle; the role of Africa; and archaeology and geoarchaeology. Field excursions have been arranged, including one to the Adrar region described as difficult and probably quite uncomfortable.

Cape Town, South Africa, 22–27 September 1997: 6th International Conference on Fluvial Sedimentology

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The scope of this meeting includes all aspects of geomorphology, facies models, sequence stratigraphy, alluvial basin analysis, sediment transport and deposition, and river management. The field trips will cover a wide variety of modern and ancient fluvial systems in South Africa, Namibia and Botswana including Namibian flashflood rivers, Orange River alluvial diamonds, the Okovango Mega-Alluvial Fan, Cape and Karoo systems, etc.

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